

Enquiry into FERA violations by U.B. Group

67, SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 170 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st November, 2000 and state:

(a) whether Government have since completed the pending enquiries initiated in U.K. and whether the Chairman, U.B. Group has also furnished the necessary information in regard to violation of FERA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, what is the present progress in the matter; and

(d) by when the investigations are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) Sir, inquiries have not yet been completed. The source in U.K. has expressed its inability to obtain the required information. M/s U.B. Group have provided some documents/information but they have expressed their inability to produce certain other documents as asked for by the Enforcement Directorate. The available evidence and material on record are in the process of examination for further action as per law. The investigations are likely to be completed as expeditiously as possible.

LPG bottling plants

68. PROF M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of LPG bottling plants set up in different parts of the country during the last three years;

(b) the details of proposals for setting up of new LPG bottling plants in the current financial year State-wise and location-wise; and